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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038  
Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling  
of Food

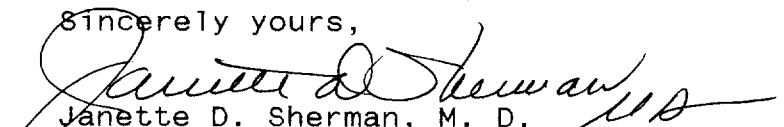
To whom it may concern:

As a physician, it is my scientific opinion that mandatory labeling any and all food treated with radiation should be maintained. I have worked in the field of internal medicine, toxicology and radiation biology. It is important that individuals take personal responsibility for their actions and life style, including choice of diet. Individual choice and responsibility must be maintained by maintaing the labeling of radiated foods.

If foods are radiated, a label stating "treated with radiation" plus the international symbol of radiation should be prominently displayed on and all foods, packaged and fresh. If sold bulk or unpackaged, a prominent label with the international symbol for radiation should be prominently displayed adjacent to the product(s).

The effects of radiation upon the health of those handling the radiation process as well as the health of the public consuming radiated foods is not fully known. This will provide the FDA with the opportunity to assess this technology.

Sincerely yours,

  
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